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COMMISSIONER

July 22, 2004
Subject: Lubec-Campobello
Pin No. 006893.00
Project No. BH-STP-6893(00)X
Bid Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

Please make the following changes to your bid package:

Add the attached Davis-Bacon Wage Rates three pages total, General Decision Number: ME030005, dated 10/10/2003.

Please make the following changes in pen and ink:

On "Special Provision Section 648 Independent Inspection & Testing Requirements (Welding-Concrete)" Section 648.40 Specific Inspection & Testing Requirements: No. 2 "Concrete Inspection and Testing" a. paragraph 4, page No. 3 delete *Revision of April 1995* and replace with *Revision of December 2002*.

On "Special Provision Section 506 Painting Structural Steel please make the following changes:

Section 506.03, Materials. Paragraph 2:

Add "Intermediate and" to the beginning of the first sentence

Delete Section 506.010 in its entirety and replace with the following:
506.010 Painting Schedule. Coating System:

All shop and filed applications and repairs shall be made in strict accordance with the coating supplier's recommendations.

Primer Coat: Zinc-Rich urethane at 3.0 mils DFT.
Intermediate Coat: Epoxy or urethane coating at 6.0 mils DFT (Dry Film Thickness)
Final Coat: Epoxy or urethane coating at 6.0 mils DFT



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The Department has received the following Requests for Information:

Question 1: Does “Buy America” Act apply or is it waived?

Answer: *We are waiting for a determination from Federal Highway.*

Question 2: Special Provision Section 648 appears to be taken from another project in that there are references to the transfer bridge, rock anchors and precast concrete none of which are on this job. If per section 502.56 concrete is QC/QA “Method B” why is an independent field technician required?

Answer: *In Special Provision Section 648 remove all references to the transfer bridge, rock anchors and precast concrete none of which are on this job. Even though the concrete is QC/QA “Method B” the Department is requiring an independent field technician.*

Question 3: How come there is not a bid item for Special Provision Section 648?

Answer: *It is considered to be incidental to the related contract items.*

Question 4: Special Provision Section 645 refers to signs required by agencies as stated in Appendix C. There is no appendix C in the project documents.

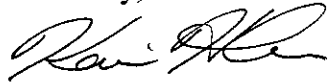
Answer: *Remove Special Provision Section 645 in its entirety.*

Question 5: Will the Department allow the placement of concrete from the bridge using a concrete pump truck and a redimix truck? Are any construction activities not allowed from the bridge?

Answer: *The Department does not determine the contractor’s means and methods. Work is allowed from the bridge. If the Contractor intends on doing work from the bridge, the Contractor will be required to submit a traffic control plan to the Department’s Construction Manager 30 days prior to the start of the activity to be performed from the bridge. The traffic control plan will need to be approved by the Department and the Canadian officials prior to allowing the Contractor to work from the bridge. The Contractor’s Superintendent and the Department’s Construction Manager will coordinate with the U.S. and Canadian Customs and U.S. and Canadian Immigrations prior to the closure of any lanes of traffic on the bridge in order to work during low traffic volume periods and to assure proper communications. The Contractor will maintain one 14 foot lane at all times. The lane closure will only be allowed during the specific activity and the Contractor will not be allowed to leave the lane closure in place beyond that activity. Any lane closures must be opened at the end of each day and when the Contractor’s operations do not require them to work from the bridge. No additional payment will be made for the traffic control plan or the coordination involved in working with Custom’s.*

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on July 28, 2004.

Sincerely,

 FOR

Scott Bickford

Contracts & Specifications Engineer

General Decision Number: ME030005 10/10/2003 ME5

Superseded General Decision Number: ME020005

State: Maine

Construction Types: Heavy

Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Sagadahoc, Somerset, Waldo and Washington Counties in Maine.

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Modification Number	Publication Date
0	06/13/2003
1	10/10/2003

ENGI0004-013 04/01/2003

	Rates	Fringes
Power equipment operators:		
Cranes.....	\$ 16.51	6.00
Drillers.....	\$ 16.51	6.00
Mechanics.....	\$ 16.51	6.00
Oilers.....	\$ 16.51	6.00

* IRON0496-002 09/16/2003

	Rates	Fringes
Ironworker, Structural.....	\$ 20.15	14.99

SUME2000-004 10/24/2000

	Rates	Fringes
Carpenters: (including Form Work).....	\$ 14.17	2.11
Electrician.....	\$ 13.67	1.39
Ironworker, Reinforcing.....	\$ 29.00	3.32
Laborers:		
Flaggers.....	\$ 6.00	
Pipelayers.....	\$ 10.79	.60
Unskilled.....	\$ 9.80	
Power equipment operators:		
Backhoes.....	\$ 11.89	1.15
Bulldozers.....	\$ 11.81	1.78
Excavator.....	\$ 13.40	3.78
Graders.....	\$ 12.10	1.40
Loaders.....	\$ 12.40	2.88
Pavers.....	\$ 7.50	
Piledrivers.....	\$ 17.25	

Rollers.....	\$ 10.18	1.46
Truck drivers:		
Dump.....	\$ 9.17	.76

WELDERS - Receive rate prescribed for craft performing operation to which welding is incidental.

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Unlisted classifications needed for work not included within the scope of the classifications listed may be added after award only as provided in the labor standards contract clauses (29CFR 5.5 (a) (1) (ii)).

In the listing above, the "SU" designation means that rates listed under the identifier do not reflect collectively bargained wage and fringe benefit rates. Other designations indicate unions whose rates have been determined to be prevailing.

WAGE DETERMINATION APPEALS PROCESS

1.) Has there been an initial decision in the matter? This can be:

- * an existing published wage determination
- * a survey underlying a wage determination
- * a Wage and Hour Division letter setting forth a position on a wage determination matter
- * a conformance (additional classification and rate) ruling

On survey related matters, initial contact, including requests for summaries of surveys, should be with the Wage and Hour Regional Office for the area in which the survey was conducted because those Regional Offices have responsibility for the Davis-Bacon survey program. If the response from this initial contact is not satisfactory, then the process described in 2.) and 3.) should be followed.

With regard to any other matter not yet ripe for the formal process described here, initial contact should be with the Branch of Construction Wage Determinations. Write to:

Branch of Construction Wage Determinations

Wage and Hour Division

U.S. Department of Labor

200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20210

2.) If the answer to the question in 1.) is yes, then an

interested party (those affected by the action) can request review and reconsideration from the Wage and Hour Administrator (See 29 CFR Part 1.8 and 29 CFR Part 7). Write to:

Wage and Hour Administrator
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

The request should be accompanied by a full statement of the interested party's position and by any information (wage payment data, project description, area practice material, etc.) that the requestor considers relevant to the issue.

3.) If the decision of the Administrator is not favorable, an interested party may appeal directly to the Administrative Review Board (formerly the Wage Appeals Board). Write to:

Administrative Review Board
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20210

4.) All decisions by the Administrative Review Board are final.

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END OF GENERAL DECISION

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